न हो इसके लिए जो भी जरूरी कदम उठाने हैं वे उठाए जाएंगे। इतना ही मैं सदन को आश्वस्त करना चाहता हूं।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI ADHIK SHIRODKAR) : Thank you, Mr. Minister. I am confident that this House feels that whatever pre-emptive measures you are proposing to take, they must be taken in an expeditious way. I adjourn the House till 3.00 P.M.

The House then adjourned for lunch at forty-eight minutes past one of the clock.

The House reassembled after lunch at one minute past three of the clock. The Vice-Chairman, (Shri Adhik Shirodkar) in the Chair.

THE MIZORAM UNIVERSITY BILL, 1999

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI ADHIK SHIRODKAR): Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi to move for leave to introduce the Mizoram University Bill, 1999.

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री तथा विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री तथा महासागर विकास मंत्री (डा. मुरली मनोहर जोशी) : उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं प्रस्ताव करता हूं कि मिजोरम में अध्यापन और सम्बद्ध विश्वविद्यालय की स्थापना और उस का निगमन करने तथा उस से संबधित या उस के आनुषंगिक विषयों का उपबंध करने वाले विधयेक को पुर:स्थापित करने की अनुमति दी जाए।

The *question was put and the motion was adopted*

डा. मुरली मनोहर जोशी : उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं विधेयक को पुर:स्थापित करता हूं।

THE REPEALING AND AMENDING BILL, 1999

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI ADHIK SHIRODKAR): Shri Ram Jethmalani to move for leave to introduce the Repealing and Amending Bill, 1999.

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MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): Sir, on behalf of Shri Ram Jethmalani, I move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal certain enactments and to amend certain other enactments.

SHRI JIBON ROY (West Bengal): Sir, I have a submission.

Sir, this Bill seeks to repeal or amend nearly 450 Acts. Among them, I find about 15 Acts are relating to labour. I am concerned with labour. The exercise is all right. I am not going into that. If irrelevant things are there, they have to be deleted. But, how do you check those things? I have immediately checked two Acts. I find that, in one case, the change is relevant. But, in another case, the moment the change is done, the entire Act becomes irrelevant. Therefore, a mechanism should be set up to check these things. It should be done either by a Select Committee or by a Standing Committee or by something else. The Government is going to change 450 Acts. Every detail has to be worked out. These are to be checked. Only discussing it in the House will not do.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI ADHIK SHIRODKAR): Mr. Roy, this is only for introduction.

SHRI JIBON ROY: That is understood. Some day it will come up for passing. Before that, the scrutiny is required either by a Standing Committee or by a Select Committee.

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE (West Bengal): We can send it to a Select Committee.

SHRI JIBON ROY: Why not to a Standing Committee? ... *(Interruptions)*.....

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: So far as a Standing Committee is concerned, it is for the Chairman or Rajya Sabha or the Speaker of the Lok Sabha to decide.

So far as a Select Committee is concerned, it is for the House to decide. But all this will arise only when the Bill is introduced, when the Bill is taken up for consideration.

At the stage of introduction of a Bill, an objection toits introduction can be made on the ground of legislative competence. Here the question of legislative competence does not arise because all the Acts which are like to

be amended through the proposed Bill are those that have been made by the Central Government and are related to the Union List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI ADHIK SHIRODKAR). Thank you, Mr. Mukherjee. I wish I had put it that way. *...(Interruptions)....*

SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM (Uttar Pradesh): You can raise it at the time of its discussion.

SHRI JIBON ROY: Sir, it can be referred to the Standing Committee.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI ADHIK SHIRODKAR): It cannot be done at this stage.

SHRI JIBON ROY: Sir, when the Patents Bill was introduced, we raised it and the hon. Minister had agreed to send it to a Select Committee.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI ADHIK SHIRODKAR) : The question is:

'That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to repeal certain "nactments and to amend certain other enactments."

The motion was adopted.

SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

THE APPROPRIATION (RAILWAYS), NO.4, BILL, 1999-Contd.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI ADHIK SHIRODKAR): Hon. Members, we have now to consider the Appropriation (Railways) No.4 Bill, 1999. Before I invite the hon. Members to speak, may I make one observation? Kindly see, the amount that is asked for is only Rs.30,000. This is not the main Railway Budget. On a sum of Rs.30,000 only, do we need to speak at length? *(Interruptions)* I agree with you, but it will not be out of place for you to consider. It is for you to decide. I am not able to understand the reason for it in spite of my best efforts. All that is being asked for is only Rs.30,000. Are we going to spend more money in debate for this much of sum?